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1. C - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. WHILE LANTOS SOME TIME AGO THREATENED TO MARK UP THE JERUSALEM BILL THIS WEEK AND TO BRING IT TO THE HOUSE FLOOR NEXT WEEK, WE BELIEVE THAT WITH THE HEAVY SCHEDULE IN THE HOUSE AND WANTING INTEREST IN THE BILL, IT IS DOUBTFUL THIS WILL OCCUR. THE BILL, HOWEVER, COULD COME UP IN THE SENATE DURING THE NEXT THREE-WEEK PERIOD,

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BEFORE THE AUGUST 10 RECESS. FAILING ACTION PRIOR TO THE RECESS, CONGRESS WILL NOT BE IN SESSION AGAIN UNTIL AFTER LABOR DAY.

3. MOYNIHAN HAS SAID HE WILL INFORM US BEFORE BRINGING THE BILL TO THE SENATE FLOOR, ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE COULD BE OFFERED BY SOMEONE ELSE AT ANY TIME AS A FLOOR AMENDMENT. IN THIS CASE IT WOULD MOST LIKELY COME UP AS A NON-BINDING RESOLUTION REFERRING TO A CHANGE IN THE STATUS OF CONGEN JERUSALEM. WHILE WE DOUBT THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ACTION BEFORE THE AUGUST RECESS, POSTS SHOULD REMAIN PREPARED.

4. ACTION AND INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE WITH HOST GOVERNMENT THAT THE PRESIDENT IS FIRM IN HIS OPPOSITION TO ANY BINDING OR NON-BINDING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION TO ALTER THE STATUS OR LOCATION OF EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND CONGEN JERUSALEM.

5. KUWAIT MINIMIZE CONSIDERED. SHULTZ
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